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Summary

[1](#). (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the core Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on April 26 to assess the Embassy's overall security posture. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting, and agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

[2](#). (SBU) On April 26, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the core EAC to assess the Embassy's overall security posture. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Apart from a recent residential break-in attempt (see paragraph 3), members cited no other recent security incidents among their staffs or family members, while CONS confirmed that there have been no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community. The EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Residential Security

[3](#). (SBU) ARSO discussed lessons learned regarding an April 22 opportunity-driven crime; specifically, an attempted break-in of an Embassy employee's residence. In short, members were reminded of the need for all personnel to lock their gates, doors, and windows any time they leave their homes, and to ensure that they activate their perimeter lighting after dark. ARSO further reminded the EAC to ensure distribution the latest security notice on residential security.

Emergency Preparedness

[4](#). (SBU) In conjunction with the EAC's ongoing discussions on emergency preparedness, members agreed to an unannounced Embassy-wide "Internal Defense" drill to be held in the near future. ARSO advised that a security notice will precede the drill.

[5](#). (SBU) Members also took the opportunity to discuss chemical/biological readiness, with the Ambassador observing that a refresher training session relevant to the topic would benefit all personnel. ARSO advised the EAC that, in addition to internal training, the Security Office is currently working with Diplomatic Security's Office of Anti-Terrorism Assistance Programs to secure WMD First Responder training for local law enforcement (reftel B).

Sustained Vigilance

[6](#). (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, ARSO reiterated that members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile, and remaining unpredictable and situationally aware.

EAC Conclusion

17. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on April 19 (reftel A). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E (Duty Officer), MGT, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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